

City of Corunna  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, January 16, 2001

Present: Billis, Bayless, Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman, Runyan.

Absent: None.

Guests: Lisa Hitchcock, City Manager; Sue Huff, Library Director; Cathy Cramner; Larry LeCureux; Gene Sanderson; Dick Sanderson; Clark Long; Fred & Betty Bates; Judy Horton; Jackie Leone, The Argus Press; State Representative Larry Julian; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Billis at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Hornus moved, Bayless seconded to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus, Runyan, Bayless.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Hornus moved, Ockerman seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Item No. 2) Consider Street Lighting Resolution.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Ockerman, Dumond, Hornus.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Hornus moved, Dumond seconded to approve the vendor disbursements as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Bayless, Hornus, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT: Sue Huff, Director of the Corunna Public Library, reviewed Sections A and B of the library annual report. She explained the local government contribution was \$37,138, and the contribution from Caledonia Township was \$22,475. She further explained the library provides service to 6,928 people. She also explained the library was very fortunate to receive the Bill and Melinda Gates Grant, which was awarded to all of the libraries in Shiawassee County. The library received a grant in the amount of \$19,683, which allowed the library to purchase four computers, one content server, one laser printer, software for each computer with a fair market value of over \$14,000, a dedicated line that is used for the Internet and training. Ms. Huff advised the library would be closed on January 25 and 26 in order to attend the last Gates training

workshop. She further advised the Friends of the Library are a 501C3 tax status, which means that donations are tax deductible. She also advised the library delivers books to homebound residents who reside in Corunna and Caledonia Township. Ms. Huff reminded council that a chili supper would be held at the Corunna Methodist Church on Saturday. Cathy Cramner, Library Assistant, discussed the children programs. She explained the library has held story hours, which are geared towards pre-school aged children. She further explained library personnel have visited elementary schools. She also explained the library has had a magician and storyteller visit the library. Several classes from Elsa Meyer School and Louise Peacock School have toured the library. Councilperson Ockerman asked for a breakdown of who visits the library such as the City of Corunna, Caledonia Township and whoever else might visit the library. Ms. Huff advised she would get him the information. Councilperson Ockerman asked if libraries have a book shelf life. Ms. Huff advised the libraries that need room recycle their books every three years and those that do not need room keep their books on their shelves longer. Councilperson Ockerman asked what the book turnover percentage was. Ms. Huff advised she could not give him a percentage. Councilperson Ockerman stated the city wants to support a library, but the city is under physical restraints too. The city needs to fund what is necessary, and if he is able to get an answer then the city could make a better determination on what the city should be doing. Ms. Huff stated she would begin keeping track of the book turnovers for next year's report. Councilperson Ockerman asked if getting the percentages would be possible without putting a big burden on her. Ms. Huff advised she would check to see if there is software available. Ms. Cramner advised she puts the total number of items that were discarded from the library on the monthly report she submits to the library board. Ms. Huff advised she could be able to tell council how many books were discarded last year. Councilperson Ockerman stated the sooner he could get the information the better since the city's budget is coming close. Ms. Cramner stated she could tell him how many books were added and withdrawn if those are the figures he wanted. Councilperson Ockerman stated that was one of the figures he needed. He asked how many book sales were held last year. Ms. Huff advised two. Mayor Billis thanked Ms. Huff and Ms. Cramner for presenting the annual report to council.

CONSIDER STREET LIGHTING RESOLUTION: Runyan moved, Dumond seconded to accept the following resolution:

#### STREET LIGHTING RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that it is hereby deemed advisable to authorize Consumers Power Company to make changes in the street lighting service as provided in the Standard Street lighting Contract between the Company and the City of Corunna, dated November 1, 1977, in accordance with the Authorization for Change in Standard Street Lighting Contract dated as of January 16, 2001, heretofore submitted to and considered by this council; and

RESOLVED, further, that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are authorized to execute such authorization for change on behalf of the city.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hornus, Dumond, Bayless, Ockerman, Runyan.  
No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Gene Sanderson asked where the second streetlight was installed. Ms. Hitchcock advised two poles north of the railroad tracks.

Judy Horton reminded council about the pancake breakfast scheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2001.

State Representative Larry Julian stated he purchased tickets to the chili supper. He congratulated the City of Corunna on receiving a grant for the park restrooms and encouraged the library to contact his office when applying for grants. He stated when the Federal Emergency Management Association grant information came out last week he called Congressman Dave Camp and they put together a joint letter to the Federal Emergency Management Association. He further stated a county would be reimbursed automatically if there was a record snowfall. He further stated according to the Federal Emergency Management Association standards, Shiawassee County fell just below the record snowfall level required. After speaking with Lt. Eddie Barber, he was informed that Shiawassee County did not fall below the standards set by Federal Emergency Management Association. In fact, the county was above the standards. State Representative Julian advised there would be a second round of grants later this week. He further advised he was elected associate speaker pro-tem to the House of Representatives this term, and is a candidate for the state senate seat held previously by Mike Rogers. Councilperson Bayless thanked State Representative Larry Julian for the help his office has given the ambulance board in contacting Congressman Dave Camp's office about their Medicare reimbursement problem.

ADJOURN: Dumond moved to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bayless, Runyan, Dumond, Hornus, Ockerman.  
No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:00 p.m.

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DR. JAMES BILLIS, MAYOR

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YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK